Fund allocation to various States under special component plan

2384. SHRI RAJU PARM AR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh under Special Component Plan during the last three financial years;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain State Governments had spent the budget allocated under SCP for other purposes; and

(c) if so, the actions proposed by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) As per the strategy of Special Component Plan (SCP), evolved by the Planning Commission, the State Governments prepare and implement SCP by earmarking a percentage of Plan fund available with them in proportion to the percentage of Scheduled Caste(SC) population of the State. The concerned State Governments have reported to have allocated fund under SCP during 1998-99 to 2000-01 as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

States	1998-99	99-2000	2000-2001
Gujarat	199.55	260.82	309.76
Maharashtra	608.00	640.00	551.00
Rajasthan	688.74	797.41	659.34
Andhra Pradesh	573.46	545.21	217.18
Madhya Pradesh	315.79	314.42	432.73
Uttar Pradesh	2159.81	1261.35	1889.53

This Ministry provides Special Central Assistance (SCA) to the State Governments as an additive to the SCP. The details of fund allocated to

States under Special Central Assistance during 1998-99 to 2000-01 are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Gujarat	371.40	682.27	1521.88
Maharashtra	1673.92	206730	2722.00
Rajasthan	2575.48	2792.68	3738.96
Andhra Pradesh	3338.78	4134.94	3720.00
Madhya Pradesh	2237.08	3303.27	1720.00
Uttar Pradesh	7518.15	9728.65	9398.00

No diversion of SCA fund has been reported.

Constitution of SC and ST Commission

† 2385. SHRIMATI SAVTTA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to constitute a Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this direction, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Article 338 of the Constitution provides for setting up of tihe National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Natioanal Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been set up under this provision.

Appointment of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities

† 2386. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-disabled person has recently been appointed as the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD); and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.